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Applicants: P.A. Graef et al.

Attorney Docket No. WEYC116969

Application No.: 09/815,933

Group Art Unit: 3761

Filed: March 23, 2001

Examiner: --

Title: ABSORBENT COMPOSITE HAVING IMPROVED SURFACE DRYNESS

REQUEST FOR FILING RECEIPT CORRECTION

Seattle, Washington 98101

July 5, 2001

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In reviewing the official Filing Receipt for the above-identified patent application, applicants' attorney noted that the Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant was incomplete. Applicants' attorney, therefore, respectfully requests that the Filing Receipt be revised to read as follows:

**Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant**

**THIS APPLICATION IS A CIP OF 09/326,213 06/04/1999**

**WHICH IS A CIP OF 09/137,503 08/20/1998**

**WHICH IS A CON OF PCT/US/97/22342 12/05/1997**

**WHICH CLAIMS BENEFIT OF 60/032,916 12/06/1996**

**THIS APPLICATION IS ALSO A CIP OF 09/569,380 05/11/2000**

**WHICH IS A CIP OF PCT/US99/26560 11/10/1999**

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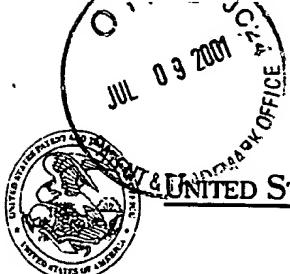


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**Foreign Applications**

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted 05/03/2001

Projected Publication Date: To Be Determined - pending completion of Missing Parts

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

Title

## Absorbent composite having improved surface dryness

Preliminary Class

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TRANSMITTAL OF MISSING PARTS OF PATENT APPLICATION/  
REQUEST FOR RECORDATION OF ASSIGNMENT

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A. Transmitted herewith are the following:

- 1. An executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- 2. An Assignment of the invention to Weyerhaeuser Company. A Recordation Form Cover Sheet prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.31 is attached to the Assignment, along with our Check No. 129926 for the recordation fee. Please record this Assignment in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.11.
- 3. A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts.
- 4. The following additional documents: Information Disclosure Statement and Request for Filing Receipt Correction

COMPUTATION OF FEE

	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	
Basic Fee				710
Total Claims	107 - 20 =	87	x 18 =	1566
Independent Claims	7 - 3 =	4	x 80 =	320
Multiple Dependent Claim		+		
Surcharge		+	130	130
	TOTAL			\$2726

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B. Fees Enclosed

Enclosed is our Check No. 129925 in the amount of \$2,726.00 to cover the requisite fees.

C. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

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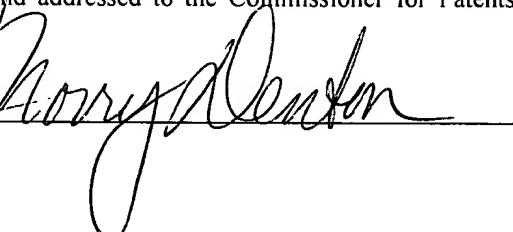
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***Filing Date Granted***

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$1886.
  - \$1566 for 87 total claims over 20.
  - \$320 for 4 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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